FISCAL NOTE

HB 2372 - SB 2359

March 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates, subject to local approval, an additional Court of General Sessions in Rutherford County. The additional judge shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the existing Courts of General Sessions over civil and criminal matters as prescribed by general law for judges of General Sessions Courts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$152,800 Recurring/Permissive \$9,000 One-Time/Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Local government expenditures include the salaries and benefits for a general sessions judge and staff and operational expenses.
- State expenditures include the salaries, benefits, and operational costs and one-time start-up costs for one additional assistant district attorney general and one additional assistant public defender to provide services to the new court in criminal matters.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director